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2. (Unclassified - GLC) Talked with Joel Abramson, in the office of Senator Charles McC. Mathias, and arranged for [redacted] to meet with him and Colby King on Monday, 6 November, at 2 p.m. in the Senator's office.

3. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Messrs. [redacted] met with Mr. Norman Cornish, Deputy Staff Director, Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee of the House Government Operations Committee, and reviewed with him the proposed Agency response to the Chairman's request for comments on Committee recommendations concerning the administration of the Freedom of Information Act. The proposed response is satisfactory to the Committee point of view and poses no problem for them.

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3. (Confidential - JMM) Rady Johnson, Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), called to ask what we had done about Chairman Fulbright's request for estimates on North Vietnamese long-term capabilities. I said I told Carl Marcy, Chief of Staff, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, we would be glad to provide someone to brief the Chairman orally, but had no documents corresponding to the Chairman's initial request and could not undertake to supply a grab bag of material on the subject as requested in a subsequent letter from the Chairman. Mr. Johnson said they too had offered an oral briefing in response to Chairman Fulbright's second letter, but Carl Marcy had said this was unacceptable.

4. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Mr. Bruce Meredith, Staff Assistant to Chairman Mahon, House Appropriations Committee, who told me that the agreement reached in conference on the debt limit bill concerning spending limitations would restrict the President only to a maximum of 20 percent of any functional area of expense set forth in the budget. This would, of course, allow discontinuance of complete programs within a given function as long as the 20 percent was not exceeded. The provision as presently drafted would give the President authority to limit such spending without regard to any other law and could therefore be utilized as authority to cut back on Agency spending. It was Mr. Meredith's opinion that the Senate vote on the original Senate position to designate certain areas that the President could not cut may result in Senate rejection of this conference report when it is considered by them today. It was also his opinion that it would not be possible for the Congress to close out today because of this matter and could well keep the Congress in session until Thursday. 25X1

6. (Unclassified - RJK) Left Agency employment brochures for a constituent with Shirley Childress, on the staff of Representative Harold Runnels (D., N. Mex.), per her request.

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2. (Confidential - GLC) J. Sourwine, Chief Counsel, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, called to pass on to us some information [redacted]

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[redacted] He said he had gotten some information from us about [redacted] and thought we would be interested in recent information he has received.

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According to this information [redacted] changed his name in a Texas court to [redacted] and got a passport in June and is now in the Soviet Union. He said he was merely passing this on to us for whatever interest we might have in it.

3. (Confidential - GLC) Fred Ladd, Special Assistant Legislative and Public Affairs, Bureau of Politico-Military Affairs, Department of State, called in connection with the Lowenstein/Moose trip. He said they were having a meeting at State at 10 tomorrow morning to which they were inviting us and other members of departments and agencies that had been asked to give Lowenstein and Moose briefings. These include DOD, AID, and NSA. I told Ladd we had not yet received Chairman Fulbright's letter to the Director and we would not be taking any action on this until we had received guidance from the Director which would not be before tomorrow morning. I suggested they go ahead with their meeting and when our situation was determined we would check in with them. He said this was fine.

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4. (Confidential - JMM) Accompanied [redacted] OCI, to a meeting with Dorothy Fosdick and Richard Perle, staff of the Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations. In response to questions by Miss Fosdick and Mr. Perle, [redacted] covered the nature, scope and impact of dissident movements among the Soviet intellectuals, and Soviet policies regarding the Jewish emigration. Many of these questions dealt with possible Soviet responses to various types of possible pressure which might be applied by the U.S. to facilitate the Jewish emigration.

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7. (Confidential - JMM) Met with Carl Marcy, Chief of Staff, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, to say that we had further considered Chairman Fulbright's recent written request for documents setting forth our estimates on North Vietnamese capabilities of continuing the war effort despite the bombing, but I wished first to reiterate that we had prepared no papers on the subject corresponding to the one described by Tad Szulc of the New York Times. I said while numerous papers had been done touching on this subject there was no single and up-to-date comprehensive one and I thought the Chairman would find it much more useful to get a firsthand briefing from our expert in this field--Paul Walsh. I said that Walsh had briefed Chairman Fulbright on similar matters a couple months ago and the Chairman would probably remember.

Mr. Marcy commented that they had received an answer to a similar request levied on the Defense Department which was "just as unsatisfactory" as our answer, and he speculated half facetiously that they might have to get the document in question from Tad Szulc in order to help us to identify it.

Mr. Marcy said he would be glad to pass on to the Chairman our suggestion of an oral briefing but wanted to make sure we would be prepared to discuss in specific terms just how long the North Vietnamese war effort could be maintained at the present level:

- a. in the event the U.S. bombing continued, and
- b. in the event the bombing is suspended.

He said the Chairman would also want to know what effect the bombing had from the standpoint of logistics, morale and overall combat capabilities of the Communist forces.

I said it was obviously impossible to be precise in these questions--there were too many imponderables--such as weather conditions, degree of Soviet and Chinese support to the North Vietnamese, developments in cease-fire negotiations, and what our own military may have up its sleeve--but Paul Walsh could certainly cover the points in question as well as anyone in town. Marcy said he would let me know the Chairman's wishes.

8. (Unclassified - JMM) Talked to Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, about the possibility of the Director's appearance before our Subcommittee this week. Woodruff said that things were in such confusion that he had no idea of when, or even whether, they could schedule anything this week. He indicated they were trying to wind everything up by Saturday.

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5. (Secret - GLC) [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] (The Subcommittee requested access to this [REDACTED] last December.) We will be in further touch with WH on this.

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6. (Confidential - JMM) Talked to Rady Johnson, Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), regarding Senator Fulbright's parallel request to the Agency and Defense concerning alleged studies by both Defense and CIA indicating that North Vietnamese could continue their military efforts on the present level for another two years. Johnson said that they had responded to Fulbright's first letter saying that they could not identify such a study but did not decide on how to respond to the second. I told Johnson that we planned to offer Fulbright an oral briefing by Paul Walsh, ADDI, in response to a second letter and wanted to make sure we didn't cross any wires with Defense. Johnson said this sounded like a good idea and he might suggest to DIA that they respond with an oral briefing. We agreed to keep in touch regarding further developments.

7. (Confidential - JMM) Told Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, that, in line with our conversation yesterday, we felt a brief intelligence roundup briefing would be the best way of "breaking the ice" with the new members of our Appropriations Subcommittee, after which we would be glad to go into the highlights of our budget if they were interested. He said he would discuss this with Chairman McClellan tomorrow and let us know the results the first of next week.

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